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Claim 5, line 1, please cancel "any one of claims 1 to 4" and insert - -claim 1- -.

Claim 12, line 1, please cancel "or 11".

Claim 15, lines 1 and 2, please cancel "any one of the preceding claims" and insert - -claim 1- -.

Claim 16, line 1, please cancel "any one of claims 1 to 14" and insert - -claim 1- -.

Claim 17, line 1, please cancel "any one of claims 1 to 16" and insert - -claim 1- -.

Please cancel claim 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to cross reference the parent applications and to add an Abstract of the Disclosure to the application.

Applicants have amended the claims in order to reduce the initial filing fee by deleting the improper use claim 22 and to delete the multiple dependent claims from the application. Applicants retain the right to reintroduce any subject matter canceled by the present Amendment at any time during the prosecution of this application or any further application claiming benefit of this application.

Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Search Report which issued on International Application No. PCT/GB99/01100, of which the present application is a continuation. All of the publications cited in the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.





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In view of the above amendments to the claims, an early action on the application is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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